

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for conducting casino business at any location within a casino comprising:
 - a host server comprising a memory;
 - a database associated with the memory;
 - casino business data relative to the casino business retrievably stored in the memory in accordance with the database, the casino business data including at least one of data related to a rotation of a drop box for a gaming machine and data related to a hopper fill for a gaming machine;
 - a handheld computing device capable of being transported to any location within the casino, the handheld computing device comprising a data entry system and a display system; and
 - a wireless communication system operably coupled between the host server and the handheld computing device, the wireless communication system configured for bi-directional communication of the casino business data between the host server and the handheld computing device.
2. (Currently amended) A system for conducting casino business at any location within a casino comprising:
 - a host server comprising a memory;
 - a database associated with the memory;
 - casino business data relative to the casino business retrievably stored in the memory in accordance with the database, the casino business data including at least one of data related to a rotation of a drop box for a gaming machine and data related to a hopper fill for a gaming machine;
 - a handheld computing device capable of being transported to any location within the casino, the handheld computing device comprising a data entry system and a display system; and
 - a wireless communication system operably coupled between the host server and the handheld computing device, the wireless communication system configured

to: (i) retrieve select casino business data from the host server in response to a request for that select casino business data input via the data entry system, and communicate the retrieved casino business data from the host server to the handheld computing device so that the retrieved casino business data can be displayed on the display system; (ii) communicate casino business data input via the data entry system to the host server so that the input casino business data can be retrievably stored in the memory in accordance with the database; and (iii) communicate a command input via the data entry system relative to the casino business data to the host server so that the host server can operate to complete the command.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the wireless communication system comprises an ultrasonic communication system.

4. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the wireless communication system comprises an infrared communication system.

5. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the wireless communication system comprises a radio frequency communication system.

6-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A method for conducting business at any location within a casino comprising the steps of:

providing a host server comprising a memory;
providing a database associated with the memory;
retrievably storing casino business data relative to the casino business in the memory
in accordance with the database, the casino business data including at least
one of data related to a rotation of a drop box for a gaming machine and data
related to a hopper fill for a gaming machine;

providing a handheld computing device capable of being transported to any location within the casino, the handheld computing device comprising a data entry system and a display system;

establishing bi-directional wireless communication between the host server and the handheld computing device; and

communicating the casino business data between the host server and the handheld computing device.

12. (Currently amended) A method for conducting casino business at any location within a casino comprising the steps of:

providing a host server comprising a memory;

providing a database associated with the memory;

retrievably storing casino business data relative to the casino business in the memory in accordance with the database, the casino business data including at least one of data related to a rotation of a drop box for a gaming machine and data related to a hopper fill for a gaming machine;

providing a handheld computing device capable of being transported to any location within the casino, the handheld computing device comprising a data entry system and a display system;

establishing wireless communication between the host server and the handheld computing device;

inputting a request for select casino business data via the data entry system;

retrieving the select casino business data from the host server in response to the request for the select casino business data;

communicating the retrieved casino business data from the host server to the handheld computing device;

displaying the retrieved casino business data on the display system;

inputting casino business data via the data entry system;

communicating the casino business data input via the data entry system to the host server;

retrievably storing the input casino business data in the memory in accordance with the database;
inputting a command via the data entry system relative to the casino business data;
and
communicating the command to the host server, the host server completing the command.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of establishing wireless communication between the host server and the handheld computing device is established with ultrasonic signals.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of establishing wireless communication between the host server and the handheld computing device is established with infrared signals.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of establishing wireless communication between the host server and the handheld computing device is established with radio frequency signals.

16-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the casino business data includes an identifier associated with a drop box installed at a selected gaming machine.

22. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the casino business data includes hopper fill information about a selected gaming machine.

23. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the casino business data includes an authorization for a casino employee to perform a hopper fill at a selected gaming machine.

24. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the casino business data includes an identifier associated with a drop box installed at a selected gaming machine.

25. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the casino business data includes hopper fill information about a selected gaming machine.

26. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the casino business data includes an authorization for a casino employee to perform a hopper fill at a selected gaming machine.